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TAGS: OREP (LESTER WOLFF)

SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF

1. CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF (D-NY), CHAIRMAN OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON FUTURE FOREIGN POLICY, PLANS TO VISIT MOSCOW NOVEMBER 14-17 WITH A DELEGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 40 (16 CONGRESSMEN, PLUS WIVES, STAFF, MILITARY ESCORT). PRIMARY PURPOSE OF MOSCOW STOP, WHICH IS IN THE COURSE OF A LARGER TRIP, IS FOR GENERAL FOREIGN POLICY TALKS. CODEL MAY BREAK INTO THREE SUBGROUPS FOCUSED ON FOREIGN POLICY, DEFENSE, AND ECONOMIC MATTERS. (FYI: SOME INDIVIDUALS MAY BE INTERESTED IN JEWISH EMIGRATION). CODEL HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SOVIET EMBASSY HERE, WHICH CLAIMS TO HAVE ARRANGEMENTS WELL IN HAND.

2. CODEL ASKS FOR COURTESY CALL ON GENERAL SECRETARY BREZHNEV, TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE USTINOV, AND MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM SUPREME SOVIET AND USA INSTITUTE. CODEL LIKENS OBJECTIVES TO A TRIP CONGRESSMAN WOLFF MADE TO CHINA IN APRIL WHEN HE HAD TALKS WITH A DEPUTY PREMIER AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER. WITHIN THE USSR CODEL WOULD VISIT MOSCOW ONLY, UNLESS OTHER
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TRAVEL NECESSARY TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS REQUESTED. SEPTEL

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ON ITINERARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOLLOWS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED; WHEN SEPTEL ON ITINERARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS RECEIVED, ASSIGN CONTROL OFFICER, ADVISE MFA OF CODEL PLANS AND CONFIRM THAT SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS REPORTED SAME ITINERARY AND DESIDERATA, AND ASCERTAIN ARRANGEMENTS AND REACTION. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED. KISSINGER

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